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MEMORANDUM FOR:  
FROM:  
SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT  
BRENT SCOWCROFT  
INFORMATION ITEMS

SOVIET FLEXIBILITY ON ANGOLA: OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW REPORTS THAT OUT-GOING UK AMBASSADOR GARVEY RAISED THE ISSUE OF ANGOLA DURING HIS RECENT FAREWELL CALL ON CHAIRMAN PODGORNYY, NOTING THAT "MANY THINK" THE SOVIET CONDUCT THERE IS INCONSISTENT WITH PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND DETENTE. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY REPORTING, PODGORNYY REPLIED THAT THE PROBLEM IS PRINCIPALLY ONE FOR THE AFRICANS THEMSELVES TO SOLVE, BUT THAT THE SOVIETS HAD RECOGNIZED THE MPLA AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA, THAT THE MPLA HAD A RIGHT TO REQUEST SOVIET ASSISTANCE, AND THAT THE SOVIETS HAD A RIGHT TO PROVIDE IT. PODGORNYY COMPLAINED THAT THE WESTERN PRESS HAD PRINTED A LOT ON SOVIET AND LITTLE ON SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION AND SAID THAT "TEN OR TWENTY" SOVIET SPECIALISTS CANNOT BE CALLED "MASSIVE." PODGORNYY SAID THAT THE SOVIETS SAW "THE MPLA OR A COALITION AROUND THE MPLA," AS THE FUTURE OF ANGOLA. THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT IT IS PASSING ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN VIEW OF PODGORNYY'S RANK AND BECAUSE HIS OBSERVATIONS TEND TO CORROBORATE SUGGESTIONS IN OTHER REPORTING THAT THE SOVIETS ARE PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF A COALITION BUILT AROUND THE MPLA.



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-- THE FOREIGN MINISTRY REALIZES ITS ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR

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81.5 BILLION IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE WAS A MISTAKE BUT STILL HOPES FOR SOME SORT OF REDUCED COMPENSATION IN RETURN FOR A RENEWED DEFENSE AGREEMENT AND REOPENING OF THE BASES.

- THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IS A "CONGRESS-PROOF" AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD ENSURE THAT THE FLOW OF U.S. ARMS TO TURKEY COULD NOT BE HALTED BY CONGRESS.

SOME FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS FEAR THAT CONGRESSIONAL RESERVATIONS COULD PREVENT THE U.S. FROM AIDING ANKARA EVEN IN THE EVENT OF A TURCO-SOVIET WAR. FOR THIS REASON, THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A NATO ARMS GUARANTEE.

IBM'S REVOLUTION IN BULGARIA--1 EMBASSY SOFIA REPORTS THAT IBM, FOLLOWING ON ITS RECENT SALE OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO THE BULGARIAN STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND PENDING AN OFFICIAL STAMP OF APPROVAL, WILL SOON SET UP A NEW "ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION" DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEMS. THE ORGANIZATION WOULD INCORPORATE SEVERAL UNIQUE FEATURES:

- IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT OF INTERPRED, THE STATE ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED TO REPRESENT WESTERN FIRMS IN BULGARIA.
- IT WILL BE ENTITLED TO CONSIGN EQUIPMENT TO BULGARIA, RECEIVE PAYMENTS IN LOCAL CURRENCY, AND REMIT PROFITS IN HARD CURRENCY.
- IBM WILL BE LEGALLY ENTITLED TO STATION A PERMANENT NON-BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN SOFIA.

IT APPEARS THE GOVERNMENT OF BULGARIA HAS OVERCOME WHATEVER OBJECTIONS IT MAY HAVE HAD TO THE ABSENCE OF COMPLETE CONTROL. THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF THE IBM PLAN MAY BE REGARDED AS PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BASKET II OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT AND MAY SERVE AS A MODEL FOR SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER FIRMS. RUMOR HAS IT THAT A FORTHCOMING AMENDMENT TO INTERPRED'S AUTHORIZATION DECREE WILL PERMIT NON-BULGARIAN BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES TO RESIDE IN BULGARIA WHILE WORKING THROUGH INTERPRED AGENCIES. THIS DEVELOPMENT, WHILE IMPORTANT, WOULD BE INSIGNIFICANT IN COMPARISON TO NEW CONCEPTS WHICH IBM'S ORGANIZATION WILL INTRODUCE.

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